

In the above referenced matter I wish to offer comment. As an active amateur operator for the past 44 years, I have never seen more childish behavior over a matter of less importance to the amateur community. As I began my pursuit of this hobby through experimentation on AM and early SSB, I find the opportunity to continue this experimentation today to be both stimulating and refreshing.

I feel that we have ample spectrum to accommodate our amateur community. What is needed here is decorum, simple adult behaviour. I have listened many times to continued interference to my conversations with my friends on 14.178 as well as other operators attempting to start QSOs 2 KHz or less away from an existing QSO, on a dead band. This is malicious and must be addressed.

I believe that as a community we should have the maturity to discuss and resolve these issues. This is certainly a personality problem not compliance issue, and I do not accept this activity as being in the best interest of amateur radio.

Further, I resent the implication both direct or otherwise, that we are consciously interfering with other stations. Our audio experimentation is good for service as it energizes interest and experimentation. I have had many young visitors to my home that found the hobby to be more interesting because of audio experimentation than simple signal report QSOs with DX stations.

AM and SSTV operators enjoy their space and I support their freedom to do it. This is the magic of this wonderful service.

I request that you reject the petition as it represents harrasment of the many amateurs who enjoy this form of audio experimentation.

I don't object to any individual filing a complaint, if they feel compelled to do so, but I do believe this petition in this case is without merit.

Respectfully,

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